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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/678,923
Filing Date	October 4, 2000
First Named Inventor	Kenneth G. DeRoche
Art Unit	2183
Examiner Name	Henry Tsai
Attorney Docket Number	K-1633

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.  
 i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
 ii. ☐ Other

- b. ☒ Enclosed  
 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply  
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv. ☐ Other

## 2. Miscellaneous

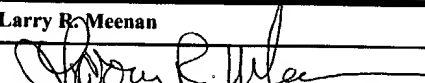
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
 b. ☐ Other

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
 a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502867  
 i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
 ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  
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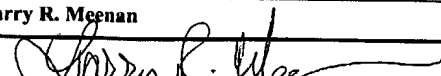
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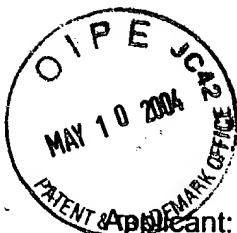
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Sir: TRANSMITTAL SHEET

1. Transmitted herewith are:

☒ Response to Final Office Action Mailed November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 18)

☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

3. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

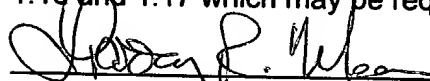
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Independent Claims	1 -	3	=	0	X \$84 =	0
Multiple Depend. Claims						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0

4. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136 apply. Applicants petition for an extension of three (3) months. Charge the fee for the three-month extension of \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 502867.

5. Request for Continued Examination Fee \$ 750.00

6. ☒ Charge to Deposit Account No. 502867 **TOTAL \$1,680.00**  
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